

sub C -- Claim 1 (Amended) A sterilized, purified, long acting drug composition which comprises:

an active drug dispersed within a polymer matrix which is solubilized or suspended in a liquid medium; wherein the polymer matrix is composed of negatively charged polymers selected from the group consisting of polysulfated glucosoglycans, glucosaminoglycans, mucopolysaccharides and mixtures thereof, blended with nonionic polymers selected from the group consisting of carboxymethylcellulose sodium hydroxyethylcellulose, hydroxypropylcellulose and mixtures thereof, and wherein the molar ratio of the negatively charged polymers to the nonionic polymers is 1:0.5 to 2.0.--

Claim 13, line 2, after "by weight" insert-- of the entire composition--.

Claim 14, line 3, after "weight" insert-- of the entire composition--.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended in the expectation that the amendments will place this application in condition for allowance. Basis for the amendments may be found in cancelled Claims 2 and 6 and elsewhere throughout the disclosure. Basis for the amendments to Claims 13 and 14 is found on page 12, lines 18 to 24.

The amendments do not introduce new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 132. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.